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PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis, and then Senator Barnett, and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to echo the sentiments that Senator Carpenter has and elaborate a couple of things. Particularly in the metropolitan area. For Omaha to be on one time schedule and for Council Bluffs to be on another, with the interfusing of the economics of that area, it would be unbelievable. And then there is the same problem that exists our west. I was visiting with a number of Scottsbluff business men a couple weeks ago. And they pointed that their center of commerce and where they do business is in Denver. And not only are we going to make the eastern end of this state out of time with the counterparts to the east, but we're also going to do the same things to the people in the west. The business men that deals on a daily and hourly basis with Denver operations is going to find that he's got a time difference. I would think that it would again be a sad mark for us if we were out of step. I know a number of people would like to defy the federal government and shake their fists at them. But this is not one of the times to hurt this state economically and in a number of other ways simply to prove a point. I think it would be ridiculous for us to do anything else except go right along. And in order to do that we don't have to do one thing. It becomes automatic the 6th. Let's kill this resolution. Let's don't hear any more about it. And let's get in step with the rest of the nation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett. And the chair would like to call your attention to the fact that this is a motion not a resolution.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think I can fairly say that I can speak for the Lincoln delegation having taken a quick poll. That they are not in favor of this motion by Senator Waldron at all. And they would have to agree with Senator Carpenter and Senator Lewis in the thought that we're not very happy with what Washington has done. We don't think it is going to serve too much of a useful purpose at this time. But we would just as soon see the motion killed and let it slide in automatically and maybe later on slide out automatically. That's about the best thing that we can ask for. After what's happened in Washington. Therefore, I'd like to say to the rest of the people who are wondering how one end...or one part of the eastern part of the state feels. We feel that we're a little bit hand tied, but at the same time we don't want to be out of step. Like this motion would make it seem.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature I will be very brief. I'll also have to oppose Senator Waldron's motion. As has been indicated there's been times when the state or a community can go off on its' own, and try to cut new trails, but when it comes to time in an interlocking system like that of the United States, I think it is very unwise and inconvenient to stop the smooth harmonious flow of time across this country. If Nebraska is to do what it is about to do, and it's action could be converted into a literal wall that stretches from the earth to the sky. Somebody flying across the country in an airplane would fly over Nebraska and crash into a wall of unreasonableness. I can understand why Senator Waldron had to make this motion, but without trying to read his mind, I think he knew in the beginning that it could not prevail. I believe that there is not really a fuel crisis. I do not believe that there is an energy crisis. Based on a shortage of reserves. I think they have been manufactured.

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